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European Published Patent Application

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REMARKS

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), since Reference AA is in the English language, the Applicant submits that no specific comments are necessary.

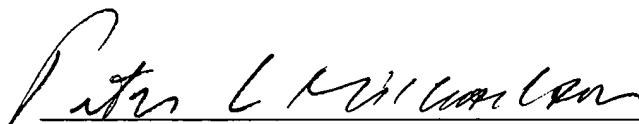
No English-language abstract is available for Reference AB. However, the International Search Report classified this reference as "A", i.e., being background technological material of no particular relevance.

An English-language abstract has been supplied for Reference AC.

For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicant has attached a completed form PTO/SB/08A hereto.

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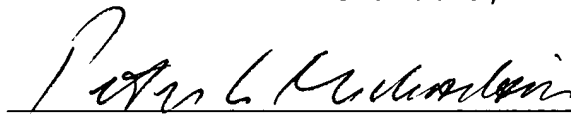
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